THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) and (b) As on date, 198 coal blocks with geological reserves of about 42 billion tonnes under the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 to various public and private sector companies registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 have been allocated. The details of the sector-wise coal blocks allocated is given below:

S. No.	Sector	No. of coal blocks allocatted	Geological Reserves (MT)
1.	Central Government Undertakings	22	9636.42
2.	State Government Undertakings	78	17719.57
3.	Private Sector	98	14931.37
	Total	198	42287.36

(c) No, Sir. As reported by Coal India Ltd., NALCO and NTPCs Kanhiya and Talcher Plant are not closed due to shortage of coal. The materialization of supplies to NALCO CPPs is about 89% during current year (upto 8th February) in terms of Standing Linkage Committee (Short Term) allocation and 89% for NTPC (Talcher and Kanhiya). The supplies could have been more but for frequent agitation and strikes in Talcher field and NTPC plants affecting coal transportation and despatch.

(d) As per the latest inventory of geological resources of Indian Coal as on 01.04.2008, a total of 264.535 billion tonnes of coal resources (through exploration carried out up to a maximum depth of 1200m by Geological Survey of India, Coal Mine Planning and Design Institute and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited etc.) have so far been estimated in the country. The percentage of coal being used for energy generation by power utilities works out to about 74% of total raw coal production, during 2007-08, in respect of Coal India Limited.

Coal imports

†399. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's requirement of coal between the years 2003 and 2008 has been met by increasing dependence on the imported coal;

(b) if not, the type of coals imported for consumption in the country during the said period alongwith quantity imported year-wise; and

(c) the increase in the quantum of coal production between the years 2003 and 2008, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) The import of coal has increased from 21.68 mts. during 2003-04 to about 50 mts. during

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2007-08. All India coal production has also increased from 361.246 mts. during 2003-04 to 456.397 mts. (Prov.) during 2007-08.

(b) The details of coking and non-coking coal imported during 2003-04 to 2007-08 are as under:—

(In million tones)

Type of coal	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (Prov.)
Coking coal	12.992	16.925	16.891	17.877	21.500
Non-coking coal	8.691	12.025	21.695	25.204	28.500
Total	21.683	28.950	38.586	43.081	50.000

(c) The details of all India coal production during 2003-04 to 2007-08 are as under:—

(In million tones)

2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (Prov.)
361.246	382.615 (5.92%)*	407.039 (6.38%)	430.832 (5.85%)	456.397 (5.93)*

*Growth over previous year

Coal supply for power sector

†400. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of coal from domestic production to power sector in the country is not being done as per its need;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) the quantum of coal supplied to power sector per month in the country from October 2008 to January 2009;

(d) the per month demand of coal of the power sector; and

(e) whether any agreement regarding supply of coal has been made between coal and power departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) and (b) In he Annual Plan for 2008-09, as against estimated demand of 373 million tonnes envisaged for power utilities, indigenous coal supply has been planned at the level of 336.69

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